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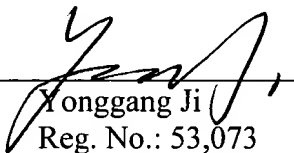
United States Patent No. 6,524,786 has been cited against the instant application in a rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §103.

The hereinabove-referenced application and United States Patent No. 6,524,786 are currently owned by the same party, GE Healthcare Limited. The inventors named in the hereinabove referenced application are the prior inventors under 35 U.S.C. § 104.

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